Enbridge 2009 Rates
Board Staff Interrogatories
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
EB-2008-0219

BOARD STAFF INTERROGATORIES

ISSUE 1 – ACCORDANCE WITH SETTLEMENT

1. Ref: Ex. B /Tab 1/ Sch 2 /

a. Please confirm that there have been no departures from the terms of the EB-2007-0615 settlement for the calculation of the 2009 revenue requirement, assignment of the revenue requirement to the rate classes, and the derivation of the 2009 rates.

b. If Enbridge did not follow the specific terms of the settlement, due to interpretation of the terms or any other reason, please describe where the terms of the settlement were not specifically followed, the reason why, and the method Enbridge used.

2. Ref: Ex. B /Tab 3/ Sch 9 /

The bill impacts listed in the application (Bill Impacts) are in some cases notably different than those suggested in the Settlement Agreement (Appendix G). For example Rate 1 at 3,064 cubic meters shows virtually no bill impact in the application yet the settlement suggested a $11.67 per year bill increase for 2009. While it is understood that Enbridge is not bound to the bill impacts in the settlement, what are the main factors contributing to the variance in bill impacts?

ISSUE 2 – DEGREE DAYS

- no questions

ISSUE 3 – AVERAGE USE

- no questions

ISSUE 4 - CUSTOMER ADDITIONS

3. Ref: Ex. B /Tab 1/ Sch 5 /

Please provide a sensitivity analysis on the 2009 distribution revenues of changes to the forecast of customer additions. What is the effect of a plus 10,000 and of a minus 10,000 change to the forecast number of customer additions?

4. Ref: Ex. B /Tab 1/ Sch 5 / Appendix B / page 1

How is the forecast of new customers impacted by the current economic slowdown? If so, is the Company of the view that its forecast should be updated? In this event, what would be the new forecast of customer additions?

ISSUE 5 – GAS VOLUME BUDGET

5. Ref: Ex. B /Tab 1/ Sch 5/

a. Please provide a table of historic and forecasted gas volumes, in a similar format to the example shown below, broken down by general service and contract that shows the Board-approved versus the actual volumes for the 5-year period 2003 through 2007. Please also include 2008 forecast versus Board-approved, 2009, and the average number of customers.

b. Please also provide a table similar to part a. above for weather-normalized volumes.

Example

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
	Board-approved	Actual	Board-approved	Actual	Board-approved	Actual
General Service						
Contract						
Total Volumes						
No. Customers (avg.)						

6. Ref: Ex. B /Tab 1/ Sch 5 / page 4 / para 8

In the Gas Volume budget evidence (for example in paragraph 8), the Company mentions that economic factors have an effect on the gas volume budget. In some cases, factors such as the “high gas and oil prices” and a “strong Canadian dollar” have changed markedly since the time of filing the application. In light of the changed economic circumstances since this application was filed, does the Company intend to revise the gas volume budget? In the Company’s view, should the as-filed numbers change because of the changing factors? If so, what would be the impact on the gas volume budget for 2009?

7. Ref: Ex. B /Tab 1/ Sch 5 / page 7 / para 16

In paragraph 16, the Company mentions that higher gas prices in 2009 will contribute to declining residential average use. Table 3 on page 9 quantifies the factors. In light of the decline in natural gas prices since this application was filed, does the Company intend to revise its outlook as to how gas prices will impact residential average use? In the Company's view, should the as-filed numbers change because of the recent decline in gas prices? If so, what would the impact be on the gas volume budget for 2009?

8. Ref: Ex. B /Tab 1/ Sch 4 /

Please provide a sensitivity analysis on the 2009 distribution revenues of changes to the gas volume forecast. What is the effect of a plus 500 10^6m^3 and of a minus 500 10^6m^3 change to the forecast of distribution revenues?

ISSUE 6 – Y FACTOR – CAPITAL

9. Ref: Ex. B /Tab 1/ Sch 6/

In addition to the 2 projects listed at the time of filing, are there any new Leave to Construct applications related to power generation contemplated by Enbridge that could proceed in 2009?

ISSUE 7 – Y FACTORS - OTHER

- no questions

ISSUE 8 – IMPLEMENTATION

- no questions